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SUBJECT: SPACE AGREEMENT SIGNING

1. WARREN CHRISTOPHER MAY 16 RECEIVED A MEMORANDUM (TEXT BELOW) FROM BRZEZINSKI QUESTIONING WHETHER THE TECHNOLOGICAL TRADE-OFFS HAD BEEN ADEQUATELY ASSESSED FOR THE SHUTTLE-SALYUT AGREEMENT RECENTLY SIGNED BETWEEN NASA AND THE SOVIETS. REPLY IS ALSO REPEATED BELOW. BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIP TO THE RENEWAL SPACE AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED IN GENEVA YOU MAY WISH TO CALL
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THIS EXCHANGE OF MEMOS TO THE ATTENTION OF HYLAND AND THE SECRETARY BEFORE SIGNING TOMORROW.

2. THE SPACE AGREEMENT RENEWAL (ARTICLE 3) ENDORSES THE NASA AGREEMENT WITHOUT ADDING ANY ADDITIONAL COMMITMENT TO SPECIFIC PROJECTS. WE THEREFORE SEE NO NEED FOR NEW ASSESSMENTS BEFORE SIGNING. AS NOTED IN

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OUR REPLY TO BRZEZINSKI (TEXT BELOW) EUR/IG ASSESSMENT OF SHUTTLE/SALYUT PROJECT WOULD BE MADE ONCE STUDIES DEVELOP SPECIFIC PROJECT PROPOSALS.

3. WE HAVE KEPT NSC INFORMED THROUGH HYLAND OF PROGRESS LEADING UP TO UMBRELLA AGREEMENT RENEWAL. ALSO, TARNOFF-BRZEZNSKI MEMO OF MAY 6, INFORMED NSC OF SIGNING

AND PROVIDED DRAFT TEXT. AS FOR AGENCY-LEVEL SHUTTLE-SOYUZ AGREEMENT, NASA KEPT NSC FULLY ADVISED THROUGH COL. ROSENBERG OF NSC STAFF. NSC HAS NOT COMMENTED IN WRITING ON EITHER AGREEMENT.

4. BEGIN TEXT BRZEZINSKI-CHRISTOPHER. MAY 17.
"I NOTICED THAT ON MAY 6, THE ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA, DR. ALAN LOVELACE, SIGNED AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR FULL COOPERATION IN SPACE INVOLVING THE SHUTTLE AND SOVIET SALYUT. HAS A FULL ASSESSMENT BEEN MADE OF THE RESPECTIVE TECHNOLOGICAL BENEFITS OF THIS AGREEMENT? I FEAR THAT THIS MAY BE A REPETITION OF THE PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENT IN WHICH THE TRADE-OFFS WERE NOT SELF-EVIDENT." END TEXT.

5. BEGIN TEXT. CHRISTOPHER-BRZEZINSKI. MAY 16.
"YOUR MEMORANDUM OF MAY 16 QUESTIONED WHETHER THE TECHNOLOGICAL TRADE-OFF'S WERE ADEQUATELY STUDIED PRIOR TO THE SIGNING OF THE NASA-ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF MANNED SPACE FLIGHT ON MAY 6 BY ACTING ADMINISTRATOR OF NASA, CONFIDENTIAL

DR. ALAN LOVELACE AND ON MAY 11 BY ACADEMICIAN ALEKSANDROV, PRESIDENT OF THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. THIS AGREEMENT CALLS ONLY FOR JOINT STUDIES OF POSSIBLE WAYS TO USE THE US SHUTTLE AND THE SOVIET SALYUT SPACECRAFT FOR SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS. THE TECHNICAL RATIONALE FOR SUCH A JOINT PROGRAM IS THE OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY AND PAYLOAD CAPABILITY OF THE US SHUTTLE AND THE LONGER ORBITING TIME OF THE USSR SALYUT. SINCE THE TWO SIDES ARE STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY OF JOINT OPERATIONS OF TWO INDEPENDENTLY DESIGNED SYSTEMS, NO TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IS CONTEM-PLATED. ONCE THE JOINT STUDIES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO REVIEW SPECIFIC PROPOSED PROJECTS AND ON THIS BASIS TO DECIDE WHETHER A JOINT ACTIVITY INVOLVING THE US SHUTTLE AND THE SOVIET SALYUT WILL YIELD ADEQUATE TECHNOLOGICAL BENEFIT TO THE US. WE PLAN TO DO SO BY CONVENING A STUDY GROUP WITHIN THE INTERDEPARTMENTAL GROUP FOR EUROPE, AS REESTABLISHED BY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE NSC-2." END

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